

Agenda
Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee (SEAC)
St. Joseph, MO
Wednesday, June 22, 3:30 PM
Zoom meeting

Topic: SEAC

Time: Jun 22, 2022 03:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Roll call by check-in

Acknowledge members and guests.

Statement of purpose in recognition that we originated as part of the Mayor's Climate Network

This committee comes from a "Network of Climate Mayors Resolution" dated 8/24/18 which states:

Resolved, That the City of Saint Joseph continue to expand on innovative environmental programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Goals: Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Plant and nurture trees and native plants

Decrease single-use plastics

Encourage and support businesses which model environmental sustainability

Seek to reduce pollution of our water resources

Promote sustainable stewardship of historic buildings including adaptive reuse

Encourage the City of St. Joseph and all residences, businesses and other organizations to improve energy efficiency to decrease greenhouse gas emissions.

Continuing committee and community reports

(1) Green Businesses — #Greener St. Joe — Subcommittee

Members: LuAnn Cadden, Sara Markt, Jan Storts, Diane Waddell)

Purposes: A. Promote green business practices, focusing on local small businesses, particularly downtown businesses with coordination through Main Street Downtown

 B. Plan

(2) Greenway Proposal — (currently on hold and referred to Brady McKinley Public Works)

(3) Tree Projects, Prairie Restoration and Native Plantings

A. Prairie Restoration — MWSU Prairie dedicated to Dr. John Rushin — Dr. Drake

B. Trees

1. Arborist Update — Martha Clark

2. Tree Board report

3. EEJ, MDC Grant reports on Felix Street Square and Urban Canopy

C. Plant Native St. Joe!

1. Next meeting Wyeth-Tootle Mansion June 27, 1 PM.

2. Report: brochure, plans

3. Members and stakeholders (See addendum 1)

4. GOALS

a. Encourage native plantings in businesses, schools, public areas such as parks, parkway, and home landscapes

b. Educate residents of the many benefits of native plants and trees

c. Work toward making St. Joseph a destination for visitors for Native Plantings

- d. Include native plants, shrubs, trees and pollinator plants

Continuing City Partnership and Committee Reports

(1) *Mayors for Clean Energy (Ready for 100 Campaign): GEO Team (Green Energy Opportunity Team*

A. A sub-task force of GEO, the Resolution Committee, is made of Dr. Dawn Drake, Andrea Cole, Whitney Lanning and Diane Waddell. This committee will coordinate with city officials, to further the work of the GEO resolution.

B. "A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING PRACTICES BY THE CITY OF ST. JOSEPH AND BY ALL RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATION TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE EMISSIONS."

C. *Invitation to meet with SEAC was sent to Mayor Josendale along with invitation for update in membership to Climate Mayors (including link)*

- (2) Historic Preservation — Dr. Kim Schutte
- (3) Water Protection — Stormwater subcommittee, Katie Bruegge, Colleen Armstrong
- (4) Litter Committee updates and coordination
- (5) Partner organizations: EEJ environmental programming
- (6) Organizational reports. Mosaic, B-I

Social Media/Education

2022

January, February — Green Business promotion

March: Women's history month — report on women working with the environment.

April: Earth Day and Green Business awards.

*May: Celebrate trees
Migratory Birds Day (with Loess Bluffs flyway)
Prep for Historic Preservation*

June: Literature and Earth care

July — Trees — particularly related to the TRIM grant/tree canopy study

August — Pollinators. (Steve will help with bats as pollinators info)

Sept — Water pollution including plastics (from backyard to the ocean)

October —

Nov — (Beyond) Recycling — focus on Rethink Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, (and finally Recycle)

Dec —

For Reference: 2021 Facebook

Monthly focus for Facebook/City Highlights: 2021 Facebook monthly themes:

Feb Clean Energy Focus (Dr. Drake)

March Native Plants (LuAnn)

April Earth Day (Green Small Business Awards with #GreenerStJoe)

Balanced approaches to agriculture and energy (Jeff Powelson)

May Historic Preservation (Dr. Schutte)

June Continued historic preservation (Landmark Commission - Report from Roger Martin)

July Sustainable urban planning/architecture (Sara Markt)

August Trees (Dr. Barta)

September Pollinators (Jeff Powelson)

October Sustainable energy technologies (Dr. Drake)

November Water Conservation (Katie Bruegge)

December — review of 2021

Other New Business and Public Comment

Next meeting: July 27, 2022, 3:30.